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Block Quotes

"Tuesday, May 22, 2007

-- "Let Us Support Lebanon" was the title of liberal Dr. Shamlan Al-Issa' piece in conservative Arabic daily Al-Watan in which he penned (05/22):

"We, moderate Arabs, should stand by the Lebanese people and their legitimate government against terrorists of Fatah Al-Islam. This is a terrorist organization that has no relation to the Palestinian cause, or to Islam."

-- Under the title "Gaza, a Womb for Extremism and Terrorism" Abdulla Al-Hadlaq inquired in conservative Arabic daily Al-Watan (05/22):

"Can a terrorist, extremist, and militant government such as Hamas' lead the people or achieve progress in the march of peace? Can a people who have only known vagrancy and loss at the beginning of their lives followed by extremism, militancy, terrorism, murder, suicide attacks, and Katyusha rockets being fired on innocent civilians in Israeli border towns, form a civil society that will be the nucleus of a civil Palestinian state that is able to integrate with the international community? Can a government receiving orders from leaders of terror in Tehran and Damascus gain the recognition and confidence of the world?"

-- "Liberation from the Dollar, Will other Liberations Follow?" was the title under which conservative Islamist Dr. Walid Al-Tabtabaei editorialized in conservative Arabic daily Al-Watan (05/22):

"Ties with America and its policies that are full of mistakes have been costly and may drive us towards hostility against states that we need not aggravate, such as Iran. I hope for the rewriting of the security agreement with the United States to best suit our interests; today's situation is not the same as 16 years ago."

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